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WAR DEPARTMENT DISAPPROVED INACTIVATION 1 MAY BUT REQUESTED MORE REASONS WHY IT SHOULD BE DONE. WEDEMEYER DUE TO SEE MARSHALL AND GET HIS REACTIONS. THEATER THINKS MARSHALL WILL TAKE IT DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT AND THAT THEY WILL INACTIVATE. THEY HAVE CANCELLED ALL THEIR REQUESTS FOR STATESIDE PERSONNEL AND HAVE VERY RESIGNED ATTITUDE. CHIEF OF STAFF WILL NOT GRANT CLEARANCE TO SSU PERSONNEL NOW WAITING TO COME TO CHINA UNTIL THEY GET MARSHALL'S REACTION. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT IF THESE CLEARANCES WERE NOT GRANTED AND THE FINAL DECISION WAS FOR US TO CONTINUE AFTER 1 MAY OUR OPERATIONS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY CURTAILED IF NOT MADE IMPOSSIBLE. HE HAS PROMISED TO GIVE ME A DEFINITE ANSWER ON 7 MARCH. THIS EXPLAINS OUR DELAY IN ANSWERING #WASH 14025 AND #WASH 15405. PLEASE ADVISE SERVICES BRANCH THAT WE WILL LET THEM KNOW FINAL DECISION ON CLEARANCES SOONEST.

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